

Testimony of Walter Glomb to the Program Review and Investigations Committee

on H.B. No. 5036 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE
PROVISION OF SELECTED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

February 22, 2012

Good afternoon members of the Committee.

I am a parent of an adult who lives with Down syndrome and receives individualized employment supports from the Department of Developmental Services.

I am here to support the Committee's legislative proposals, especially

- that we require the Department of Developmental Services to evaluate all residents receiving 24-hour care at the five regional centers for possible placement in the community and
- that we require the Department of Developmental Services to accelerate the phasing out of 24-hour residential care in any of its DDS settings.

I am disappointed that the Committee did not move its other recommendations to legislative proposals and I respectfully ask the Committee to do so now, especially:

- DDS should reduce its overtime by at least 10 percent as recently required by the Office of Policy and Management, including through implementing those measures similar to those recommended by the Department of Children and Families in its overtime reduction report to OPM.
- The Department of Developmental Services should continue to phase out the provision of public day/work programs, with the overall goal to implement a single private delivery system for day/work services. The department should not refill any positions that are, or become, vacant in public programs, and shall redeploy existing staff to other direct services in the community as opportunities allow.
- The Department of Developmental Services should conduct a staffing assessment of its current staffing levels for its public day programs, using the day/work LON scores in the private programs as a guide for level of resources needed, and redeploy staff resources over those levels to other services.

Thank you.